GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:297
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2003
COMPUTER EDUCATION
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds recommended by 11th Finance Commission for developing computer education in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether it is fact that Government have not released even half of the amount sanctioned by the Finance Commission to the States during the last three years:

(c) if so, the main reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to release the amount without further delay to promote Computer training in the schools?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the able of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.297 BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING COMPUTER EDUCATION TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.3.2003

(a) to (c) : As per the information received from the Finance Commission, the Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended grants amounting to 245.53 crores to States during 2000-05 for computer training of school children. The States are required to prepare their Action Plans and after approval the grants are released by the Commission to the States. Initially 25% of the grant recommended for 2000-01 was released to the States on an ad-hoc basis. A list of States to whom the grants have been sanctioned by the Finance Commission during the last three years is annexed.

(d) : As per the information received from the Finance Commission the Commission will release further grants to the States on receipt of revised Action Plan and utilisation certificate from the States as per the guidelines issued to States. So far five States namely Assam, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Manipur and Orissa haveyet to furnish duly approved Action Plans. Two States namely Meghalaya and Uttaranchal have been asked to furnish detailed Action Plan and one State namely Sikkim has been asked to provide the requisite clarification pertaining to its Action Plan. The States have been asked by the Commission to expedite the submission of the information required.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Starred Question No. 297 for 11.3.2003 regarding computer education asked by Shri Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi

(Amount in Rupees lakhs)

State	Grants recommended by EFC for 2000-05	Grants released during 2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Andhra Pradesh	989.00	99.44		790.66
Arunachal Pr.	559.00	56.21		446.89
Assam	989.00	99.44		
Bihar	1591.00	159.98		479.92
Chhattisgarh	688.00	69.18		550.02
Goa	86.00	17.30	17.29	
Gujarat	1075.00	108.09		

Haryana	817.00	82.15	246.45	
Himachal Pr.	516.00	51.88		155.66
Jammu & Kashmir	602.00	121.06		
Jharkhand	774.00	77.83		
Karnataka	1161.00	233.48	233.47	
Kerala	602.00	60.53	181.59	
Madhya Pradesh	1935.00	389.14	389.12	
Maharashtra	1505.00	151.33	453.98	
Manipur	387.00	38.91		
Meghalaya	301.00	30.27		
Mizoram	344.00	69.18	69.18	
Nagaland	344.00	69.18	69.18	171.24
Orissa	1290.00	129.71		
Punjab	731.00	73.50	73.50	
Rajasthan	1376.00	276.72	276.71	
Sikkim	172.00	17.29		
Tamil Nadu	1247.00	125.39		1121.61
Tripura	172.00	17.29		51.89
Uttar Pradesh	3010.00	302.66	907.96	
Uttaranchal	559.00	56.21		
West Bengal	731.00	147.00	147.01	
Total	24553.00	3130.35	3065.44	3767.89